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H.C.R. No. 156

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot express the heartache felt at the loss
2 of U.S. Army Private First Class Joel A. Ramirez of Waxahachie, who
3 died while bravely serving his country on April 16, 2011, at the age
4 of 22; and

5 WHEREAS, Assigned to the 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry
6 Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, Fort
7 Drum, New York, Private First Class Ramirez lost his life in Nimroz
8 Province, Afghanistan; and

9 WHEREAS, Americans owe a profound debt of gratitude to this
10 nation's servicemen and servicewomen, who make immeasurable
11 sacrifices for their country and who risk their very lives in its
12 behalf; and

13 WHEREAS, Exemplifying the highest ideals of the U.S. armed
14 forces, Joel A. Ramirez inspired others with his fortitude,
15 tenacity, and courage; although his death leaves a void in the lives
16 of his loved ones, they will forever carry memories of this heroic
17 Texan close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the 83rd Legislature of the State of Texas
19 hereby pay tribute to the life of Private First Class Joel
20 A. Ramirez and extend sincere sympathy to all those who mourn his
21 passing; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
24 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of

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1 U.S. Army Private First Class Joel A. Ramirez.